

Selected Poetry.

THE OLD-FASHIONED GIRL.

BY A GIRL OF THE PERIOD.

How very wise men think themselves
Abusing modern girls,
And prating of the awful cost
Of feathers, gloves and curls;
And bragging of old-fashioned maids,
And dear old by-gone fashions;
When women—if they tell us true—
Were kept upon short rations.

And oh! my eyes! what fools men are,
To think they can deceive us;
If they prefer the plain old style,
Why don't the dandies leave us?
There must be some fair creatures still
Devoted to hoops and chignons,
Who, scornful fashions, robe themselves
In dresses à la McGinn.

I've noticed this, my dear young man,
You're very fond of preaching;
But do you think a single girl
Will profit by your teaching—
While you, instead of following
The wisdom of your writing,
Devote yourselves to staid girls,
Their plainer sisters slighting?

And so I would not follow still
The fashions new and nobby,
Just for the sake of helping you
Upon your cherished hobby;
But when you really want to see
A maid of ancient sample,
Pray give us the old-fashioned man—
We'll follow your example.

Miscellaneous.

Fashion Notes.

Velvets and gros grains are worn for dinner and reception dresses.

Opera cloaks are made up in plain white faille, lined with pink silk and colored fur to match; the braided cashmere cloak is not dead, however.

The Dolman is the popular street garment we have had for years. It is worn over polonaises, basques, and tunics for street wear.

Hoops being discarded, paniers and bustles are worn, of moderate size, and skirts reduced to an almost natural standard, so that all fashionably dressed ladies (remarks a fashion writer) look as if they had been drawn through an augur hole.

The caprice of the moment in Paris is to trim ball dresses of satin, silk, or velvet with bands of white fur edged with lace, and ruffles of satin ribbon. Ermine is preferred for this purpose, but swan's down, coney, and other white furs are also used.

House dresses are made with untrimmed demi-trained jupons, and a long tight polonaise, trimmed according to fancy. The jupon is often trimmed with bias bands of the material; sometimes with one wide scalloped volante, put on very scant, and headed with a bias band.

"Could Not Tell a Lie."

It is sad, sometimes to contemplate the straits to which gallant young men are put in these latter days to secure an interview with the sweet object of their affection.

Several days ago, in the height of the last snow storm, a young gentleman, having in his reach a hefty umbrella, concluded to escort the object of his heart's desires home from school, and with this intent about 2 1/2 P. M., proceeded boldly to the gate of the school-house and knocked for admittance.

Now, it was a well-known fact that the mistress of the above establishment positively prohibited any of her young lady scholars from walking home with any gentleman who was not a relative, or sent by their maternal guardian, and so, when the party knocked at the door, he was ushered into the august presence of the principal of the school.

"Well sir, what do you wish?"

Young man—"I have come for Miss—, to escort her home."

Principal—"Who sent you?"

Young man—"Her mother. And she requested me to present her respects, with her hopes that you are well."

It is related on competent authority that when the principal of that school told that young man that Miss—had not been to school that day, had been, in fact, sick, for a week, he turned green and yellow and blue by turns, and when last seen was making rapid strides for a gun store.

Danbury Newsitems.

A Danbury young man in the ardent of his affections promised to cherish one of our young ladies with a love that would survive an army overthrow.

A rumor prevailed here Saturday night that President Grant had been assassinated in the afternoon. It afterward transpired that a locomotive on the Housatonic road had slipped on an eccentric.

A Danbury man was explaining to his wife Sunday morning how his mother used to cook pan cakes, when she interrupted him with the batter pitcher. He is now experimenting with a new kind of cake.

A family of North street gave a grand "candy pull" at their residence, Friday evening. It took a gallon of molasses to do it, the bulk of which they were able to save, however, by boiling and straining their carpets, furniture, wall paper and hair.

In the dim, uncertain light of early morn a gormandizing West street youth lathered his panicles with mustard in mistake for syrup, and would have probably perished from internal combustion had it not been for the prompt application of a garden hose.

A Danbury man avers that when he came down stairs on Thursday morning he found his thermometer sitting back of the stove, and saying that "it would be hanged if it would stay out doors all night for any man."

The N. Y. Mail tells of a young woman at Lawrence, Mass., whose husband lately died, was forced to repress her tears and wear a smiling face, because, as she said, she "hadn't a handkerchief fit to be seen, except one," and that she had to "keep for the funeral." Such command over the feelings from a sense of higher duty is rare and very impressive.

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